

Carlisle Deer Committee Meeting Minutes

January 2, 2019

Carlisle Town Hall, 7 PM

Committee members present: Dejan (Dan) Bojanic, John Keating, Steve Smith, Todd Thorsen – Chair, Steve Tobin. Committee member(s) absent: Kerry Kissinger, Sgt. Scott Barnes.

Citizen attendees: Jeannie Geneczko (Ms. Geneczko recorded the meeting), Ed & Bev Humm, Desiree Ball.

Chair opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Approval of meeting minutes: Minutes of the December 5, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

Report to Selectmen: The draft report on the Town deer hunt prepared by Dan was discussed section by section and a few changes were made. On a motion by Steve Smith the committee voted unanimously to approve the amended report and submit it to the Selectmen. Dan will send the amended report to the committee and Todd will forward it to the Selectmen.

Selectman and committee member Kerry Kissinger had asked that the committee make a recommendation to the Selectmen whether or not to bring the deer hunt to a vote at 2019 Town Meeting. Steve Smith moved that committee recommend to the Selectmen that a deer hunting article be put on the Town Meeting warrant to decide if the deer hunt on Town land should continue next fall. The motion passed with three in favor and two abstentions (Bojanic and Keating).

Discussion with public attendees: Ms. Geneczko was concerned about trail cameras and the number of hours spent by the Conservation Commission assistant administering the deer hunt. Ms. Ball noted that the deer entrails left by a hunter were on private property. She felt the Deer Agent should not be a hunter. Ms. Humm thought the Deer Agent should know where each hunter's tree stand was located so they wouldn't accidentally be placed on private property. Mr. Humm asked if we know the total number of deer taken in Carlisle this hunting season. Dan said this information is usually not available from Mass Wildlife until the summer. Mr. Humm thought hunters should sign statements acknowledging the Town's rules and should be disqualified from hunting if they do not follow them.

Scheduled next meeting: Chair will poll for availability.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Steve Tobin